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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 16 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Eritrea/Ethiopia

Other matters

11 a.m.	4420th (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

12 noon	4421st (closed) meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Announcement

The Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations will hold a closed meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 11 a.m. in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the children and armed conflict. Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel.: (212) 963-5263).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

9 a.m. 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Haiti

   Russian Federation

   Sao Tome and Principe

2. Address by Her Excellency Ms. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Republic of the Philippines

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Republic of Moldova

   Lebanon

   Sierra Leone

   Rwanda

   Tuvalu

   Fiji

   Antigua and Barbuda

   Marshall Islands

   Seychelles

   Australia

3 p.m. 57th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: fourth report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.3) [8]

2. Conclusion of the general debate [9]:

   Latvia

   Tonga

   Swaziland

   Eritrea

   Guinea-Bissau

   Estonia

   Georgia

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(10-16 November 2001)

Live and archived Webcast of the general debate of the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly will be available on the General Assembly Web site (http://www.un.org/webcast/ga/56).

Delegations are invited to send in advance by e-mail the electronic version of the text of their statements in the general debate, in one of the official languages of the United Nations, to dpi@un.int for posting on the General Assembly Web site.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	42nd meeting	Conference Room 1

Right of peoples to self-determination [118]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.32

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)] (A/56/168, A/56/190, A/56/204, A/56/207 and Add.1, A/56/209, A/56/212, A/56/230, A/56/253, A/56/254 and Add.1, A/56/255, A/56/256, A/56/258, A/56/263, A/56/271, A/56/292 and Add.1, A/56/310, A/56/334, A/56/341, A/56/344, A/56/608)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)] (A/C.3/56/4, A/C.3/56/7, A/56/210, A/56/217, A/56/220, A/56/278, A/56/281, A/56/312, A/56/327, A/56/336, A/56/337, A/56/340, A/56/409 and Add.1, A/56/440, A/56/460, A/56/479, A/56/505)

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)] (A/56/36 and Add.1, A/56/524)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)] (A/56/36 and Add.1)

Conclusion of general discussion

Statement by the Chairman on the organization of work of the Committee

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) *today*, 16 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c) (Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster)

Informal consultations of co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution under agenda item 20 (c) will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, in Conference Room B, in the afternoon, immediately after the adjournment of the informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 16 November 2001, there will be a meeting of interested delegations on the following draft proposal:

Conference Room C: A/C.2/56/L.9 (item 98 (d)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation.

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

No meetings of the Sixth Committee are scheduled for *today*, 16 November 2001.

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The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will meet *today*, 16 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in room DC2-470A.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 16 November 2001

GROUP OF 77
(on the Ministerial Declaration)

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

AFRICAN GROUP:

GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on agenda item 117 (Elimination of racism and racial discrimination))

4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-fifth Annual Ministerial Meeting *today*, 16 November 2001, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal meeting

A meeting of humanitarian experts of the core group of the Group of 77 and of Mexico, organized by the delegation of India, will be held *today*, 16 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C, to discuss the draft of resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters. Other interested members of the Group of 77 are also invited to attend.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 19 November 2001

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	58th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	59th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [29]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/56/326)

(b) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/422)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	43rd meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 28th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg) on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

On Monday, 19 November 2001, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations mentioned above, informal consultations on a draft resolution on "Emergency response to disasters" presented jointly by Greece and Turkey, under agenda item 20 (a), will also be held in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (a)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *in Conference Room D*.

Informal consultations on agenda item 30 (b)
(Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 30 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. *in Conference Room D*.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold its eighteenth meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m., to begin consideration of agenda item 90 (Questions relating to information).

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on agenda item 90, as well as in discussions on the other remaining item, item 89 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects), are kindly urged to inscribe their names as soon as possible on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977; tel.: (212) 963-9223).

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The Second Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Felix Mbayu (Cameroon), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, on draft decision A/C.2/56/L.6 (programme budget implications: E/2001/L.47/Rev.1) and on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.7 (item 12) and A/C.2/56/L.4 (item 100). Informal consultations will also be held under the chairmanship of Mr. Garfield Barnwell (Guyana), Vice-Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/56/L.26 (item 96 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.25 (item 96 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.21 (item 97 (a)), A/C.2/56/L.24 (item 97 (b)), A/C.2/56/L.22 (item 97 (c)) and A/C.2/56/L.23 (item 97 (d)).

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The 260th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Monday, 19 November 2001, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 4.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Special event

The United Nations Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force will be launched by the Secretary-General on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council will be present. This event will be webcasted live on www.unicttaskforce.org and www.un.org/webcast/ict/.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Interim Task Force Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-5796).

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United Nations Children's Fund

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pre-session briefing

An informal pre-session information briefing on major issues before the UNICEF Executive Board at its second regular session (10-14 December 2001) will take place on Monday, 26 November 2001, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. All delegations are invited to attend.

Second regular session for 2001

The second regular session of the UNICEF Executive Board will take place from 10 to 14 December 2001 in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2001/12. Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the secretariat of UNICEF (fax: (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Monday, 23 November 2001.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedure and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. All delegations are invited.

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Reintegration of Refugees and Displaced Populations" co-sponsored by the International Labour Office (ILO), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Ms. Misako Kaji, Head, a.i., Secretariat and Inter-Organizational Service, UNHCR, H.E. Mr. Ibrahim M'Baba Kamara, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, and Mr. Robbie Thomson, Senior Officer, Population Movement and Disaster Preparedness and Response Department, IFRC, will be among the panellists. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Jayasankar Krishnamurty, Senior Economist, Infocus Programme on Crisis Response and Reconstruction, ILO. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Leily Soleimani (tel.: (212) 697-0150, extension 114).

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Briefing

Mrs. Anna K. Tibaijuka, Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will hold a briefing on the report of the Secretary-General on options for reviewing and strengthening the mandate and status of the Commission on Human Settlements and the status, role and function of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) on Monday, 19 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

The Group on Equal Rights for Women at the United Nations (GERWUN) will hold a panel discussion on "Women in Afghanistan: Beyond the Media Portrayal to Action" on Tuesday, 20 November 2001, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Ms. Angela King, Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, will give the opening remarks. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing will be held on the following dates : Monday, 26 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 27 November from, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 28 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 29 November from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Security Council in 2002. The registration deadline is Wednesday, 21 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the annual Campus on Public-Private Partnership for Development of Infrastructure and Social Services. The campus, to be conducted in English, will be held in New York from Tuesday to Friday, 4 to 7 December 2001, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all Permanent Missions in New York. The registration deadline is Friday, 23 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel.: (212) 963-9684 and 963-9196).

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As from Thursday, 1 November 2001, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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A Web site of the Presidency of the Security Council has been established with effect on Thursday, 1 November 2001 and can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/presidency.

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The Web site of the President of the General Assembly can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.org/ga/president. The President's statements and a summary of his daily activities are available on this Web site.

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The English, French and Spanish Web sites of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.un.org/docs/sc/committees/1373; http://www.un.org/french/docs/sc/committees/1373; and http://www.un.org/spanish/docs/comites/1373/index.html.

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During the Indonesian chairmanship of the Preparatory Committee for the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Rio+10), the Permanent Mission of Indonesia has set up a Web site that can be visited at the following addresses: http://www.indonesiamission-ny.org or http://www.un.int/indonesia.

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During the Belgian presidency of the European Union, statements made at the United Nations on behalf of the European Union are available at the following Web site address: http://www.un.int/belgium.

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Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

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Delegations who wish to make their statements available to the media at Headquarters are advised to provide 100 copies of these directly to the media office located on the third floor in the Secretariat Building (room S-348).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 15 November 2001

SECURITY COUNCIL

4416th (private) meeting

The situation in Burundi

The Security Council met in private. The following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4416th meeting, held in private on 15 November 2001, the Security Council considered the situation in Burundi.

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by His Excellency Mr. Nelson Mandela, Facilitator of the Arusha Peace Process.

"The Council had a useful exchange of views with His Excellency Mr. Mandela on the Burundi peace process and issues relating to the implementation of the peace agreement.

"The members of the Council thanked His Excellency Mr. Mandela for coming to New York to brief the Council and commended his efforts on behalf of peace in Burundi."

4117th meeting

The situation in Burundi

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Burundi, at his request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/35).

4418th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Angola, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedures.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Africa.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a statement under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by the Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Africa.

A statement was made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola, His Excellency Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Ireland, the Russian Federation and Ukraine.

The Council was addressed by His Excellency Mr. Charles Josselin, Minister Delegate for Cooperation and Francophonie of France.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Bangladesh, Mali, Colombia, China, Tunisia, Norway and Singapore and by the President, speaking in her capacity as the representative of Jamaica.

The Council was addressed by Her Excellency The Honourable Lilian E. Patel, M.P., Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Malawi; His Excellency Mr. Manuel Inocêncio Sousa, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Cooperation and Communities of Cape Verde; and by His Excellency The Honourable Taliameni Kalomoh, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Information and Broadcasting of Namibia.

Statements were made by the representatives of Brazil, Belgium (speaking on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union – Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, the Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia – the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and Iceland, EFTA country member of the EEA, which aligned themselves with the statement), Canada and Zimbabwe.

Mr. Gambari responded to comments by members of the Council.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs of Angola made a further statement.

4419th meeting

The situation in Angola

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2001/36).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 6th meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly, organization of work and allocation of items: Letter from India (A/56/614) [8]

The Chairman recalled that the General Assembly, at its 3rd plenary meeting on 19 September 2001, had decided to consider agenda item 21 and its sub-items (a) to (m) direct in plenary meeting.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that sub-item (f) of agenda item 21 (Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union) should also be allocated to the Sixth Committee, for the sole purpose of considering the question of the granting of observer status to the Inter-Parliamentary Union in the General Assembly.

54th plenary meeting

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Youssouf Ouédraogo, Minister of State and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso; H.E. Mr. Hassan Wirajuda, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Indonesia; H.E. Mr. Eduard Kukan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia; H.E. Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Israel; H.E. Mr. Abdulaziz Kamilov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan; H.E. Mr. Samuel R. Insanally, M.P., Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guyana and former President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Alhaji Sule Lamido, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nigeria; H.E. Mr. Souef Mohamed El-Amine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. João Bernardo de Miranda, Minister for External Relations of Angola; H.E. Mr. Mustafa Osman Ismail, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Sudan; H.E. Mr. Abdullah Alsaidi, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yemen; H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou, Chairman of the Delegation of Cameroon; H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahbubani, Chairman of the Delegation of Singapore; and H.E. Ms. Madina B. Jarbussynova, Chairperson of the Delegation of Kazakhstan.

Programme of work

The President informed the General Assembly that on Friday, 16 November 2001, at 9 a.m., the General Assembly would consider, as the first item, the fourth report of the General Committee (A/56/250/Add.3).

55th plenary meeting

H.E. Mr. Simeon Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. José Miguel Aleman, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Panama; H.E. The Honourable Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Lesotho; H.E. Mr. Agba Otikpo Mezode, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic; H.E. The Honourable Billie Miller, MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados; H.E. The Honourable Elvin Nimrod, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Grenada; H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. The Honourable Mervyn Assam, Minister for Enterprise Development and Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Jose Ela Ebang, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Equatorial Guinea; H.E. Mr. Peter D. Donigi, Chairman of the Delegation of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, Chairperson of Delegation of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Pracha Guna-Kasem, Chairman of the Delegation of Thailand; and H.E. Mr. Earl S. Huntley, Chairman of the Delegation of Saint Lucia.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Eritrea, Armenia and Indonesia.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE 41st meeting

Right of peoples to self determination [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31

The representative of Cuba introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as El Salvador, Nicaragua and Swaziland, the draft resolution.

Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments [119 (a)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.36

The representative of Sweden introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Costa Rica, Ireland and Italy, the draft resolution.

Croatia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Greece, Luxembourg and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.37

The representative of Mexico introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document and Burkina Faso, the draft resolution.

Ethiopia and Turkey joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.38

The representative of Cuba, introduced, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, the draft resolution.

Cambodia, Croatia and Indonesia joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [119 (b)]

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [119 (c)]

Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [119 (d)]

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [119 (e)]

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Viet Nam, Liechtenstein, Australia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the United States, India, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Turkey, Belarus and Angola.

Right of reply

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Iraq, China, Greece, Cyprus and Turkey.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2001

490th meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Benin (CAT/C/21/Add.3). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Organizational and other matters [2]

The Committee considered the item.

491st meeting

Submission of reports by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [3]

The Committee continued its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Ukraine (CAT/C/55/Add.1).

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Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

(b) Reports submitted by specialized agencies in accordance with article 18 of the Covenant

The Committee considered the second periodic report of Algeria (E/1990/6/Add.26). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendment to article 43 (2) of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. New York, 12 December 1995

Acceptance: Iran (Islamic Republic of) (13 November 2001)*

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the involvement of children in armed conflict. New York, 25 May 2000

Ratification: Monaco (13 November 2001)*

Signature: Chile (15 November 2001)

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. New York, 25 May 2000

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Signature: Chile (15 November 2001)

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Accession: Cuba (15 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Accession: Cuba (15 November 2001)*

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Djibouti (15 November 2001)

Signature: Dominican Republic (15 November 2001)

Signature: Seychelles (15 November 2001)

Signature: Togo (15 November 2001)

Ratification: Cuba (15 November 2001)*

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovakia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Ukraine (15 November 2001)

Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 15 November 2000

Signature: Armenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovakia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovenia (15 November 2001)

Signature: Ukraine (15 November 2001)

Protocol against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Their Parts and Components and Ammunition, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime. New York, 31 May 2001

Signature: Dominican Republic (15 November 2001)

Signature: Iceland (15 November 2001)

Signature: Slovenia (15 November 2001)

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Signature: Djibouti (15 November 2001)

* Date of reception of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New United Nations stamps

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